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October 8, 2002

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION in the subject application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$583.00 (\$370.00 for the RCE filing fee and \$213.00 for four additional independent claims and one additional claim over twenty). Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time Within the Third Month and a check for \$460.00 to file the extension of time for a small entity.

If for any reason this RCE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Coleman
Reg. No. 48.863

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Enclosures